

What follows is a typescript of EPJ's remarks made on the occasion of the testimonial dinner held in her honor on June 26, 1956 at the Scranton Club:

"My greetings to each one of you! It seems only a short time ago that you were my pupils. You all have helped to enrich my life--I hope I've helped you a little.

This tribute tonight is wonderful. You are indeed my friends and I love you all dearly. It is heart-warming to see you here in tribute to my half century's work with the deaf.

I'm so proud of you--proud of your success in life and you all look successful and prosperous.

Thank you for this honor you have brought to me--for the sweet tributes you have paid me and for your generous plan for my happiness. I am deeply grateful.

May you all have full rich lives and continue to conduct yourselves in such an honorable way that you may make this world a better place in which to live.

I shall long remember this wonderful evening just as I shall long remember you individually. These memories will keep as I travel down the years toward sunset.

You will always be welcome at my home which I call my 'Worn Doorstep' and I shall hope to see you there often.

And now another thank you for all you have done for me tonight. Thank you for your continued friendship all through the years. God bless you!!

Not goodbye and farewell but au revoir."

[Note: emphasis is EPJ's; original handwritten text is presently in The Homestead Document Archive.]